

CLAIMS

1. A method of controlling a parked vehicle in which a mobile telephone can be used to commence and to terminate parking of a vehicle, wherein a user sends at least one user
5 specific code to a receiving computer (3) belonging to the parking system via a mobile telephone system or via a fixed telephone system when beginning and terminating a parking period, wherein at the beginning of a parking period the identity of the parking zone concerned is sent to the parking system in which a vehicle specific code is stored in said computer (3) and tied to the user specific code, wherein a control unit is provided for
10 wireless communication with said computer to fetch information as to the identity of those vehicles that have commenced but not yet terminated a parking period in the zone concerned, i.e. are still logged into the parking system, which control unit is capable of transmitting a voice message from a parking attendant to the parking system, and wherein the invention is characterised in that the control unit includes a mobile telephone (1) that sends
15 to a receiving telephone device (2) coupled to said computer (3) a voice message from said attendant which includes a vehicle registration number, wherein the computer (3) compares this registration number with the registration numbers of logged-in vehicles; and wherein the computer (3) is caused to send to the mobile telephone (1) a voice message in which the registration number understood by the computer (3) is repeated in the mobile telephone (1)
20 and which includes information as to whether the vehicle is logged-in or not and wherein the unique telephone number of the mobile telephone of the parking attendant is detected and stored in said computer (3).

2. A method according to Claim 1, **characterised** in that the computer (3) is arranged to
25 inform the parking attendant, also via said voice message, in which parking zone the vehicle is logged-in.

3. A method according to Claim 2, **characterised** in that in those instances when a vehicle is not deemed to be wrongly parked in a relevant parking zone until a given predetermined
30 length of time has passed, the computer (3) is caused to store the registration number of the vehicle together with the time at which the parking attendant reported said registration number, wherein the parking attendant again reports the registration number later on, if the

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vehicle is still parked and the computer (3) sends a voice message reporting whether the vehicle is logged-in or not.

4. A method according to Claim 1, 2 or 3, **characterised** in that the receiving telephone arrangement (2) includes a voice interpreting device which functions to interpret the registration number spoken into the mobile telephone (1) by the parking attendant.

5. A method according to Claim 1, 2, 3 or 4, **characterised** in that the mobile telephone (1) of each parking attendant has a unique telephone number and in that this number is detected by the telephone arrangement and stored in the computer (3) together with a message sent by the parking attendant.

6. A method according to Claim 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, **characterised** in that the voice interpreting device is able to recognise and identify the voice of each parking attendant.

7. A method according to any one of the preceding Claims, **characterised** in that in the event of the computer informing the parking attendant, via the mobile telephone, that a vehicle is not logged-in, the attendant is able to send a confirmation message to the computer by an appropriate entry through the keypad of the mobile telephone or by an appropriate voice message.